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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Assistant Director for Special Operations

Subject: Reports, Office of Special Operations

1. The attached memorandum from the Assistant Director for Collection and Dissemination is forwarded for information.

2. The Office of Reports and Estimates must have every bit of intelligence information possible in order to assure insofar as may be practicable that in their evaluations they have considered all phases of any question. Therefore, copies of all intelligence information received by the Office of Special Operations will be forwarded to the Office of Reports and Estimates and to the Office of Scientific Intelligence through the Office of Collection and Dissemination. This will include both positive and counteresplonage reports. However, it will not include operational and administrative reports and EYES ONLY dispatches for the Director, Deputy Director or Assistant Director for Special Operations. Such dispatches will be delivered to the Director and Deputy Director who, if they deem the information to be of intelligence value, will forward the reports on to the Office of Reports and Estimates and the Office of Scientific Intelligence.

3. Any special security stipulations required will be stamped on the face to the report and shall be strictly complied with in all Offices.

SIGNED

R. H. Hillenkoetter
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central Intelligence

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Memo to DCI frm AD/OCD,
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REMARKS: Info copy sent to OSO.

Concur with Memo except that my recommendation would read: "☐ SO reports processed to any IAC Agency will also be processed thru OCD to ORE."

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Director

19 January 1949

Assistant Director, OCD

OSO reports dealing with Counter Espionage

1. On November 18 the Office of Special Operations disseminated to the State Department, Army, Navy and Air Force copies of a report 25X1 [redacted] classified SECRET and containing the following information:

[redacted] 25X1

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2. No copies of this report were made available to production components in ORE. Upon receiving advice of this report, and its dissemination to the IAC agencies, OCD on 12 January requested OSO to transmit two copies to OCD for use in this Agency.

3. OSO replied on 14 January: "This report is considered to be of CE nature. It is therefore not appropriate that copies be forwarded to OCD."

4. It is submitted that there is need for clarification of Agency policy in this connection, and the following points are respectfully set forth for your considerations

a. ORE, and now OSI, are the producers of finished intelligence for this Agency.

b. ORE is charged with producing reports on Soviet and Communist efforts to undermine foreign governments. An International Communism Division in ORE has been approved in principle, has recruited personnel, and is in process of evolution. It will handle materials classified as more sensitive than TOP SECRET, and

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will be charged with writing this Agency's finished intelligence on world-wide communist activities. Its analysts will require all information bearing upon the problem which we can obtain from any source. An Intelligence Memorandum written in ignorance of OSO materials might have disastrous results.

c. ORE receives from the IAC agencies, through OCD, all information obtained by them concerning Soviet and Communist actions in foreign countries. ORE does not receive, save on a piecemeal basis, information of this character collected by OSO.

d. The argument that OSO reports dealing with counter-espionage are "too sensitive" for ORE analysts to read is unjustified. The analysts are obliged in their daily work to deal with materials classified higher than TOP SECRET. Moreover, they not infrequently are shown OSO reports dealing with CE in the course of their conferences with Army, Navy and State analysts.

e. It is damaging to the prestige of this Agency for ORE analysts to be shown, in the offices of other agencies, CIA-produced information reports which have been withheld from them within CIA itself.

5. It would be agreed, I believe, by all offices of this Agency that the operations of our own undercover people should be safeguarded by every security measure which it is possible to devise. There is seldom if ever any need for personnel outside of OSO to have knowledge of the individual men and women who are serving us undercover at considerable hazard to themselves. However, we do these people an injustice if we fail to make the best possible use of the information which it costs them so much, in hardships and danger, to obtain. We owe it to them, I think, to ensure that every scrap of information sent in is exploited to the fullest possible degree by the most competent specialists we can employ.

6. It is recommended that CIA policy be formulated to provide:

a. That all information collected by CIA shall be transmitted to OCD for distribution to ORE and OSI production components, as appropriate;

b. That special security stipulations applicable to specific reports shall be duly indicated on the reports themselves and shall be strictly complied with by all concerned;

c. That exceptions to (a) above shall be allowed only on the authority of an Assistant Director or his Deputy; shall apply only to single reports (not categories of reports) each

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of which shall be initialed by the Assistant Director or Deputy who authorizes the exception; and

d. That, even in the case of such excepted reports, a single information copy shall nonetheless be delivered to the Assistant Director, OCD, for transmission to either the Assistant Director, ORE, or the Assistant Director, OSI, as appropriate.

JAMES H. ANDREWS

Concur:

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Assistant Director, ORE

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Assistant Director, OSI

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